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PETITION under 37 CFR 1.181 TO WITHDRAW FINAL REJECTION

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to withdraw the final rejection dated July 3, 2002 for the reasons stated below.

The rejection addresses claims 15-17, 35-37, and 43-45. These claims were cancelled in a preliminary amendment filed by certificate of mailing on July 12, 2001, which amendment also added claims 46-59. Apparently, this preliminary amendment has not been considered by the USPTO.

A copy of the preliminary amendment and the USPTO date stamped return post card accompany this petition.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the final rejection and examine the claims presented on July 12, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee, including any extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 10-0750/END-723.

Respectfully submitted

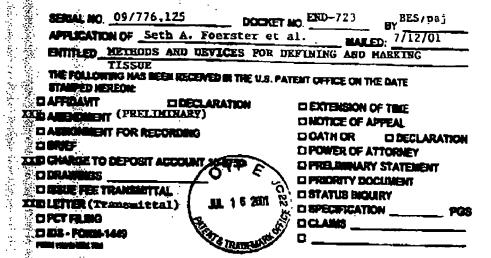
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